6. (Amended) Device according to Claim 4, wherein the substrate (2) is in electrically conductive contact with one of the said two electrodes (3) and forms a current feed for it.

7. (Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the substrate (2) supports one of the said two electrodes (3), which is connected to the current source (1, 8).

8. (Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the substrate (2) is formed by a steel sheet which has undergone a surface treatment.

9. (Amended) Device according to Claim 8, wherein the substrate (2) which has undergone a surface treatment has superficially in the steel sheet a compound which is a conductor of electricity (10).

10. (Amended) Device according to Claim 8, wherein the steel sheet has a surface coating which is a conductor of electricity (3, 9, 12).

11. (Amended) Device according to Claim 10, wherein the surface coating comprises at least one layer of a material chosen from amongst the group consisting of zinc, zinc alloyed with aluminium, aluminium, magnesium, calcium, tin and chromium.

12. (Amended) Device according to Claim 10, wherein the surface coating consists of at least one layer of at least one conductive polymer.

13. (Amended) Device according to Claim 12, wherein the said at least one conductive polymer is chosen from amongst the group consisting of polyacetylene, polyaniline, polypyrrole, polythiophene, derivatives thereof and mixtures thereof.

14. (Amended) Device according to claim 8, wherein the substrate (2) is made from steel treated so as to reflect a light emitted from the said at least one layer of organic electroluminescent semiconductor (4, 4', 4").

15. (Amended) Device according to claim 2, wherein the second electrode (5) has, opposite the substrate (2), an encapsulation (6) made from a transparent material impervious to air and water.

16. (Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the substrate (2) has two parts, an electrically conductive part which supports the said device and which is possibly connected to the current source and a part remaining electrically insulated vis-à-vis the outside.

17. (Amended) Device according to claim 1, wherein the substrate has a first surface on which it supports the said device and a second surface, opposite to the first, on which it supports an additional electroluminescent device according to Claim 1.

19. (Amended) Method according to Claim 18, wherein the substrate consists of a steel sheet.

20. (Amended) Method according to one of Claims 18 and 19, wherein said arrangement of a first electrode

comprises an activation of the steel sheet to make it able to fulfil a role of first electrode, the method comprises an electrical connection between the electrical current source and the steel sheet.

21. (Amended) Method according to one of Claims 18 and 19, wherein said arrangement of a first electrode comprises an application of the first electrode to a surface of the substrate.

22. (Amended) Method according to claim 18, comprising first of all a surface treatment of the substrate.

23. (Amended) Method according to Claim 22, comprising, by way of surface treatment, a surface coating of the substrate by at least one electrically conductive compound.

24. (Amended) Method according to Claim 22, comprising, by way of surface treatment, an enrichment of the substrate, at least on the surface, with an electrically conductive compound.

Please add new claim 25 as follows:

--25. (New) Method according to claim 18, further comprising a deposition of a transparent material impervious to air and water on the second electrode, so as to encapsulate the device.--

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are being made in order to place ~~the~~ them into better condition for examination.

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